

DISTRICT V ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes
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August 1, 2005
7:00 p.m.

Auburn Hills Golf Course Clubhouse
443 S. 135th West

Seven (7) District Advisory Board Members attended the District V Advisory Board meeting. Also in attendance were eleven (11) City staff. Approximately 15 members of the public were present with 8 signing the sign-in sheet.

Members Present

Bob Bulman
David Dennis
Jerry Hoggatt
Andy Johnson
John Marker
DeAnn Sullivan
Steve Winslow
Council Member Bob Martz

Members Absent

David Almes
Maurice Ediger
Ann Wellborn

Staff Present

Deputy Chief Tom Stolz, Police
Captain Terry Nelson, Police
Officer Brad Haught, Police
Officer Rick Baker, Police
Officer Schultz, Police
Officer Brock, Police
Paul Gunzelman, Public Works
Gary Janzen, Public Works
Steve King, Public Works
Kay Johnson, Environmental Services
Dana Brown, City Manager's Office

Guests

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Call to Order

Bob Martz, City Council Member, called the meeting to order at 7:11. He welcomed the public to the meeting and explained the role of the District Advisory Board to review public concerns and city projects and issues to make recommendations for him as the City Council member for District V. He said that all members of the public who wish to speak on an issue will be given an opportunity and asked that they wait to be acknowledged before and allow others to speak without causing disruption in the meeting.

The minutes of the July 11th meeting were approved as recorded and the agenda for August 1 was approved as presented.

Staff Reports

Captain Terry Nelson, Bureau West Commander

Captain Terry Nelson addressed the Board and public about several items. He announced that recruitment efforts for new officers would begin soon if the additional officer positions if the Police portion of the city budget is adopted, as proposed. Captain Nelson explained that recruiting focused on mainly two areas including diversity and education which involve diverse backgrounds as well as knowledge and skills. He encouraged everyone who knew people with potential in policing to let them know about the recruitment and ask them to contact any of the

Bureau Captains or Community Police Officer Lieutenants about their interest. Captain Nelson stated that the department is committed to following a community policing philosophy in assuring public safety and addressing neighborhood concerns. Including the community in the recruitment efforts is just another way to act on that philosophy.

Captain Nelson also presented a certificate of appreciation to Dana Brown for efforts in working with the police including assisting with recent interviews for Special Community Action Team (SCAT) officers.

Board Member Dennis asked Captain Nelson about his opinion on an item for tonight's agenda regarding traffic enforcement issues in neighborhoods. Captain Nelson said he believed that all neighborhoods had traffic concerns to some degree but that enforcement was just one part of the solution. Neighborhoods had to work together on these issues along with Police and other city departments. He reminded the Board that staffing is always an issue for traffic enforcement, especially with Patrol West being responsible for 35% of the city area and population. The call load is approximately equal but the West Patrol officers must cover more area when calls are received.

Community Police Report

Community Police Officers Brad Haught, Beat 199, and Rick Baker, Beat 16, reported for the all police beats in District V including 16, 19, and 199. Officer Haught introduced Officers Schultz and Brock who were also in attendance.

Officer Haught said that National Night Out would occur Tuesday, August 2 with the purpose of neighbors getting acquainted with each other to work together on any concerns in the neighborhood for safer and better quality residential areas. He encouraged residents to have a get-together in the future if they haven't planned an activity for tomorrow night.

Officer Haught also reported that several episodes of BB gun vandalism had occurred in Beats 19 & 199, just west of Ridge Road. The main vandalism was damage to car windows. He also said that a spike in burglaries typically occurs during warm weather months when garage doors are left open. Haught warned residents to keep their doors down, even when working outside. He reported that late-shift patrol officers are now calling residents when their doors are found open at night.

Officer Baker reported on policing issues in business areas. He noted that left turns were currently not allowed at Kellogg and Ridge Road due to construction and that several accidents had occurred as a result of violations. He said that several burglaries to car dealerships along Kellogg had happened and that police are working with the owners through surveying for precautions. He said that a recreation vehicle and tractor supply business south of Kellogg had also been burglarized. Part of the problem with safety for the area was due to the abandoned railroad track behind these businesses that allows access to the properties with hidden view of the activity. The railroad area now belongs to the city.

An additional business concern is noise and boisterous complaints received about a business that appears to stem from overcrowding. Officer Baker said that Police are working with other city departments and the business to resolve.

Recommended Action: Receive and file

New Business

Chapter 11.38.380 – Noise from Vehicle Stereos

Deputy Chief Tom Stolz, Police, presented information about increased enforcement of the ordinance pertaining to the volume of vehicle stereos that can be heard 50 feet or more from the vehicle. Deputy Chief Stolz explained the different types of noise codes involving industrial, residential, and music from vehicles. Each code has a different enforcing department but police respond to all complaints, as needed. Deputy Chief Stolz said it is extremely difficult to respond to a moving vehicle with loud music due to the typically continuous change in location in a short period of time. He said that approximately the same number of citations had been issued this year as last year for loud music from vehicles.

Deputy Chief Stolz said his preference is that complaints of an existing issue be made through a 911 call. If the report is being made at another time, the Patrol Bureau may be contacted. Community Police first respond by encouraging the parties to resolve the issue among them. The established procedure is to ask the complainant if they are willing to make a formal complaint. If they're willing, and other attention to a higher priority is not needed, the officers visit and interview the complainant to collect the needed information as well as make a visit to the address of the noise source to report the complaint and request the noise volume be reduced if the noise is being generated at that time. If the complainant is not willing to make a formal report, officers respond to the complaint the next day. He cautioned that Friday and Saturday nights are especially busy, making noise a low priority on those nights.

Questions about other issues were asked by Board Members including addressing 4-wheelers in a residential backyard causing noise concerns for a neighborhood and a report on citywide violent crimes. Deputy Chief Stolz recommended the residents with the noise concern contact their Community Police Officer at West Patrol. He reported that violent crimes were about the same number as the previous year except aggravated assaults which had increased. He said exact numbers could be obtained through making a request to the Police Department at 268-4239.

Kay Johnson, Environmental Health, spoke briefly about the "Eyes and Ears Program," an additional strategy to focus on neighborhood code enforcement issues. The strategy asks citizens and employees to complete a standard form with information about residential issues for city follow up. Johnson said the form will be available on the city's website for internet reporting also. She provided pads of the tear-off form to the Board and the public for reporting concerns.

Action: Received and filed.

Unfinished Business

Petition to Pave University

Gary Janzen and Steve King, Public Works, presented information regarding a petition to pave University Circle, located west of Arapaho, as a cul-de-sac. The petition was recently presented to the District V Advisory Board at the July 11th, 2005 meeting; the Board requested staff provide additional information about the petition and options.

Janzen explained that the original petition was presented to the Board in March 2002. DAB deferred action due to issues with defining the improvement district and associated assessments, and requested staff to identify and present other options. In April 2002, the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission took action to determine that the platting of Maple Lane to the west of the subject area also included paving University also. Since that time, the platting has been completed and the petition has been returned to the DAB.

Janzen then presented three (3) options identified by staff including improvement district boundaries, proposed paving configuration, and estimated assessments for property owners involved. Staff recommended Option #3 in which the petitioner and largest property owner, James Jahansooz, has agreed to pay for 66% of the project costs. The assessments could be spread over a 20 year period.

Janzen responded to a question raised about the possibility of a cul-de-sac, saying the City Law Department had advised against it. Several residents spoke in support of a through street. **King** explained that the city does not have a valid petition for a through street although it could be ordered in by Council. **Council Member Martz** responded that he did not support an order-in and suggested that residents obtain a valid petition for Option #3, if that was their preference. He strongly encouraged the residents to contact all property owners within the improvement district so everyone has an opportunity to know about the intent. The residents supported the suggestion and thanked the DAB.

Hoggatt moved to support Option #3 provided the property owners could obtain a valid petition. The motion failed due to lack a second. **Dennis (Bulman)** then moved to defer action for a month for staff to return to the next meeting with the valid petition, if presented, as planned. Motion passed 7:0.

Action: Recommended new petition for through street on University be presented at next meeting if received by residents 7-0.

Speed Humps

Paul Gunzelman, Traffic Engineer, presented a review conducted by the Public Works Department as recommended by the District Advisory Board regarding the use of speed humps and stop signs as traffic calming methods in the Westport and Valleyview area. A previously provided report by the former Traffic Engineer, Scott Logan, was referenced.

Gunzelman gave updates on actions that related to the traffic concerns. First, the plans for reconstruction of Maize Road at Westport to allow for left turn lanes would soon be submitted to Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) for approval. The project was submitted soon to KDOT for funding as a safety project and final approval is expected to take approximately 30 days. It is estimated that the bid process would then begin in mid-September and the project could be completed in November.

Second, Traffic Engineering had again taken traffic counts at 17th & Valleyview, Westport & Valleyview, and 18th & Janzen but none of the counts had warranted stop signs at this time. **Board Members** expressed support for speed tables for traffic calming, identifying other cities that appear to use them successfully. **Gunzelman** said that Public Works does not favor speed tables due to several factors but mainly the delay for emergency responders. A question was

raised about accommodating the tables to fit the wheel base of the emergency vehicles to which Gunzelman stated that this could be done but even this still slows the response time.

Gunzelman reported that the third effort to help prevent similar traffic concerns in residential areas has focused on the platting in subdivision regulations. As the City's Traffic Engineer, Gunzelman has made a conscious effort to not approve development plans that include streets with T-intersections and work with the developer to make appropriate changes.

Dennis expressed concern about whether the issues of the Board had been addressed through speed table research, as requested. **Janzen** said that a pilot project had been tried in the past but the city received so many complaints that the tables were removed.

Additional discussion took place about previous efforts with the neighborhood to provide background to all members who were not serving on the Board when the issues were first presented. All residents in the section bounded by 21st to 13th and Ridge to Maize Roads were invited to a public meeting where suggestions were collected by staff and volunteers were asked to serve on a committee with staff and appointed DAB Members to make recommendations to the Board. A lottery was used to select committee members by drawing names on color-coded cards according to residential area for equal representation. Information was considered from traffic counts taken while school was both in & out of session although none of the counts warranted stop signs. Barrels were set in place to slow traffic at the cul-de-sacs on Westport but the barrels were repeatedly vandalized and eventually removed. Staff encouraged the neighborhood area to establish a neighborhood association to work together on the issues since a homeowner association did not exist. Staff offered to assist with the association effort to find some consensus among the residents but no action was taken by the neighborhood. Eventually, the committee residents presented recommendations to the DAB including speed humps, stop signs, and turn-lanes on Westport. The DAB recommended that staff continue with applying to KDOT for assistance to reconstruct Maize Road at Westport and to conduct research on the use of speed tables in other cities.

Action: Council Member Martz asked staff to consider the possibility of speed tables.

Public Agenda

This portion of the agenda provides an opportunity for citizens to present items not shown as part of the regular meeting agenda.

No items were presented.

Board Agenda

Report on activities, events, or concerns in the neighborhoods and/or District V.

Council Member Martz

- DeAnn Sullivan volunteered as the appointment to the Areas Citizens Design Redevelopment Advisory Team
- The September DAB meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 6 due to the Labor Day Holiday on Monday, September 5.
- National Night Out is being held Tuesday, August 2, 2005.

- The second session of DAB Training is being held Tuesday evening, July 25, at the First Floor Board of City Hall. Oath of Office forms that may be signed by a notary will sent to the DAB Members appointed since these were not included in the first mailing.

With no further items, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

The next regular meeting for District Advisory Board V is scheduled at Auburn Hills Clubhouse at **7:00 p.m. on September 6, 2005** due to the first Monday being the Labor Day Holiday.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dana Brown, Neighborhood Assistant
City Council District V

Guests

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Lee Ann Jahansooz	3240 Forest Lakes
Jim Germoules	168 S. Maple Dunes Court
Clete Dold	218 S. Breezy Pt. Court
Paul Tobia	1202 Ridge Point
Marilyn Regier	1823 N. Denene
Ben Klenda	1847 Janzen
Carl Davis	10207 Westport